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APPLICANT : RISTIC, Zoran et al.
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FACTORS AND METHODS OF USE FOR SAME

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

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In response to the Final Office Action dated June 9, 2004, please amend the above-
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calculating the percentage of those matches. Applicants did not present these BLAST results earlier because claim 1 as initially presented was not believed to be anticipated by Murayama.

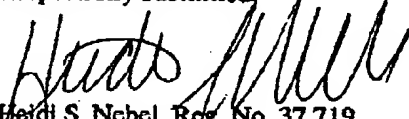
Thus, the Murayama reference does not teach each element of amended claim 1 because the nucleotide sequences being described by the Murayama reference and the instant invention have less than 80% homology. Therefore, claim 1 is not anticipated by Murayama. In light of the amendment to claim 1, Applicants believe that claim 1 is in condition for allowance.

IV. CONCLUSION

In light of the above remarks, Applicants respectfully assert that claims 1-7, 14-18 and 20-31 are now in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the above rejections.

No fees or extensions of time are believed to be due in connection with this amendment; however, consider this a request for any extension inadvertently omitted, and charge any additional fees to Deposit Account No. 26-0084.

Respectfully submitted,


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